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Applicant: Hirokazu FUJINO et al. Conf.: Unknown
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For: HEAT TRANSFER PIPE WITH INTERNAL GROOVES
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD AND
MANUFACTURING DEVICE THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 13, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 13, 2001, the due date for response having been extended two (2) months to February 13, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 14, lines 1-11 have been amended as follows:

The lead angle θ , the groove depth H and the groove number N of the grooves 3 formed in the V-shaped patterns, the first to fifth groups A - E of which are arranged in the inner surface of the pipe, are set to the values by which the smallest flow resistance is obtained corresponding to the aforementioned experiment results. Therefore, since the flow resistance can be made as small as possible to reduce the pressure loss as a result, a heat-transfer pipe for a heat exchanger having a sufficiently high performance can be obtained.

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